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TO AMEMBASSY MANILA

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SUBJECT: CIVAIR: GOP CIVIL AVIATION POLICY

REF: MANILA 9496

1. DEPT CONCURS WITH POST REGARDING PAN AM'S REQUEST FOR TRAFFIC RIGHTS TO HONG KONG. ACCORDING TO PAN AM, JOHNSON WAS INSTRUCTED TO REQUEST TRAFFIC RIGHTS ON ONLY FOUR FREQUENCIES NOW OPERATING TO HONG KONG AS BLIND SECTOR.

2. USG HAD UNDERSTOOD PAN AM WAS ONLY "CONSIDERING" POSSIBLE ADDITIONAL POINTS. WE ASSUME THAT GOP WOULD EXPECT SOME FORM OF RECIPROCITY FOR GRANTING ADDITIONAL RIGHTS, EVEN IF NOT ON ONE TO ONE BASIS, AND THAT THIS WOULD REQUIRE GOVERNMENT TO GOVERNMENT CONSULTATIONS.

3. PAN AM APPARENTLY SEES NEW POLICY AS ONE WAY TO EASE ITS CURRENT ROUTE PROBLEMS IN WESTERN PACIFIC. PAN AM
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HAS ALSO MENTIONED INTEREST IN SINGAPORE AND JAKARTA AS

MARKETS THAT MIGHT BE SERVED THROUGH MANILA. IF SUCH
BEYOND POINTS CAN BE OBTAINED, PAN AM CONSIDERING
TRANSFERRING "HUB" OF OPERATION FROM GUAM TO MANILA.

4. NORTHWEST'S REACTION TO NEW POLICY IS MORE RESERVED.
HOWEVER, THEY PLAN TO APPLY FOR INCREASED FREQUENCIES
TO MATCH PAN AM AT SOME FUTURE TIME.

5. BECAUSE LETTER OF INSTRUCTION MENTIONS CARGO, WILL
FLYING TIGER HAVE OPPORTUNITY TO PARTICIPATE UNDER NEW
POLICY?

6. PLEASE CONTINUE TO REPORT ANY DEVELOPMENTS INDICATING
EXTENT TO WHICH NEW POLICY WILL BE LIBERALLY IMPLEMENTED.
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